

Poetry.

IT ISN'T ALL IN BRINGING UP.

Isn't all in "bringing up,"
Let folks say what they will,
To silver-scur a power cup,
It will be power still.
Who said "train up a child,"
If I mistook not, had a son,
Proved rattle-brained and wild.

A man of mark, who fain would pass
For lord of seas and land,
May have the training of a son,
And bring him up full grand;
May give him all the wealth of love,
Of college and of school,
But after all may make no more
Than just a decent fool.

Another raised by Penny
Upon her bitter bread,
Whose word of knowledge is like that
The good to Heaven must tread;
She got a spark of nature's light,
Hail fan it to a flame,
With its burning letters bright
The world may read his name.

It is all in "bringing up,"
In counsel and restraint,
Some rears have been honest men—
I've been myself a saint.
Oh! it is all in "bringing up,"
Let folks say what they will,
Regret may dim a silver cup—
It will be silver still.

An Arkansas Father's Advice to His Son.

You are about leaving home for strange parts. You're going to throw me out of the game and go it alone. The odds are against you, Bob, but remember always that industry and perseverance are the winning cards; they are the "boppers."—Look learning and all that sort of thing will do to fill up with like small tramps, but you must have the boppers to back 'em out; they ain't worth shucks. If I look again you pretty strong, don't care, but don't let a sick chicken on a rainy day hold your head up and make believe you are a fish of trumps; they won't stay so hard again you. I've lived and traveled around some, Bob, and I've found out as soon as folks thought you held a weak hand, they'd all back eggn you strong. So when you're sorter weak keep on a bold front, but play cautious; be satisfied with a pilot. Many's the hand I've seen enfold 'cause they played for too much. Keep your eyes well skinned, Bob; don't let 'em nig on you; recollect the game lays as much with the head as the hands.

Be temperate, never get drunk, for then no matter how good your hand, you won't know how to play it; both boppers and the won't save you, for there'sartin to be a "mice deal," something wrong. And another thing, Bob, this was spoken in a low tone, don't go to muck on the women; queens is kinder poor cards; the worse for you; you might have three, and carry a trump; I don't say discard 'em all, if you get hold of one that's a trump, it's all good, and there'sartin to be one out of four. And above all, Bob, be honest; never take a man's trick wot don't belong to you, nor 'tip cards, or 'tip; for then you ain't look your man in the face, and when that's the case there's no use in the game; it's regular 'out throat.' So now, Bob, fare well; remember wot I tell you, and you'll be sure to win, and if you don't it serves you right if you get 'anked.

SCIENTIFIC FACTS.—A cubic inch of Platinum weighs four-fifths of a pound. Hydrogen Gas is the lightest substance known, being 300,000 times lighter than platinum.

Gold is the most malleable substance. Iron, or steel wire, is more tenacious than that of any other metal.

The diamond is the hardest body in nature. The metal Potassium is lighter than water.

Oxygen is the most abundant substance known, and it is believed to constitute two-fifths of all the matter of the globe.

Gold is the best conductor of heat. Alcohol has never been frozen. The earth is about 8,000,000 miles nearer the Sun in December than in June.

An eclipse of the Moon can only happen at the time of full moon. The Sun can only be eclipsed at the precise time of a new moon.

"Have you," said a young lady, entering a music store in which were standing and leaning over the counter, and addressing the young man, "have you a heart that loves me only?"

"Yes miss," was the reply, "and here is a heart to thee, Mary."

Mary took the song, and was leaving the store when suddenly she returned.

"Oh, I forgot! I want One sweet kiss before we part."

We left and can't say whether she obtained it or not.

Our friend K—, a son of the Emerald Isle, had occasion to visit the South some time since. When he returned he remarked to some friend that the Southern people were very extravagant. Upon being asked he said that where he staid they had a candlestick worth eleven hundred dollars.

"Why, how in the world could it have cost that much?" gasped Dan's friend.

"Oh, be jabber! It was nothing more'n a big nigger fellow holding a torch in his hand for us to eat by."

GOOD ADVICE.

A late number of the London Comic Times contained the following excellent advice. Bear it in mind:—

If you intend to do a thing don't change your mind; and if you possess a ten pound note, don't change that. If you happen to say something in society which causes a sensation, you had better go out for a walk for five minutes.

If you don't know what everybody else knows, you had better hold your tongue; and if you know something that everybody else knows you had better hold your tongue, too.

If you require a person to go security for you, don't ask the man who promised he would do anything for you when he knew that you didn't want anything done.

Should you be talking to a thin lady of another thin lady, you needn't describe the party alluded to as "a shaggy old maid."

If you wish to sleep quietly, don't praise another woman while your wife is undressing to get into bed.

If you have a rich aunt don't talk to her about billiards and brandy and water.

Don't tell a mother the faults of her favorite child.

Does your Mother know Your's out.

A young lady once had a beau. One evening said beau was anxious to enjoy some private conversation with his charming, but there being two children in the room, somewhat marred his wishes. The gentleman looked to see them sent to bed, but he was disappointed. The youngest child, a boy of three years old, slept with the young lady, and had no idea of retiring without his bed-fellow.

Stretching his chubby length upon the carpet, the "youngest" watched the twain with resolutely wide awake eyes until the bell struck for nine, when patience becoming exhausted, he raised his little head and said:

"Nine o'clock is bed time. Don't you think your mother wot's you?"

This was one of the tallest hints the young gentleman ever received in a civil kind of way, and the mingling of embarrassment, and vexation, and mirth produced by it, was funny in the extreme.

"Sonny" was sent to bed very night after that solus, and much to the relief of the visitor.

The Birth-place of Washington.

Both branches of the Virginia Legislature have passed a bill providing for the conveyance to the State of Virginia of the birth-place of Washington, and the home and graves of his progenitors in America. The adoption of this measure may be regarded as a patriotic prelude to the consummation of the noble enterprise in which the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association is engaged. The bill appropriates \$5,000 to enclose the places with an iron fence, and to erect substantial tablets to "commemorate for the rising generation those noble spots," as required by Lewis W. Washington, in his offer of conveyance.

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